

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claim 18 has been cancelled.

Claims are 3, 5, 10, 17, 19- 20, and 22-26 amended herein.

Claims 1-6, 10, 11, 16, 17 and 26-29 are rejected.

Claims 7-9, 12-15 and 18-25 "objected to."

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-17 and 19-29 are currently pending and under consideration in the present application.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIM 5 UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c)

Claim 5 has been amended to overcome the rejection.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

III. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 3-6, 10, 11, 16 and 26 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH, AS BEING INDEFINITE

In view of the proposed amended claims set forth above, the outstanding objection to the claims should be resolved.

IV. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-6, 17 AND 27-29 ARE REJECTED UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(B) AS BEING ANTICIPATED BY KUROSU (US 5,123,005)

At page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that Kurosu discloses a first hook step protruding from one of the tray (7) and the main body (2) and a first stop member(14) provided on the other of the tray (7) and the main body (2) at a position to bump against the hook step as recited claim 1.

By way of review, paragraph 5, line 63 through paragraph 6, line 2 of Kurosu sets forth reference numeral 6 denotes stopper members which are fixed to the slight inside portions of two right and left tray supporting projections 5 which are located at the frontmost positions among the tray supporting projections 5 in the front portion of the chassis 4. Therefore, Kurosu fails to disclose first hook step protruding from one of the tray as recited claim 1.

Moreover, claim 17 is amended to recite the features of claim 18, which the Examiner

asserts in the Action would be allowable if amended into independent form.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

Claims 2-5 depend, either directly or indirectly, from claim 1 and patentably distinguish over Kurosu at least for the reasons set forth with respect to claim 1.

Claim 18 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and the limitations thereof have been incorporated into independent claim 17. Thus, reconsideration of claim 17 is respectfully requested.

Claims 28-29, which are dependent from claim 17, are submitted to patentably for at least the same reasons as those of claim 17, as well as for the additional recitation therein.

V. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 7-9, 12-15 and 18-25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 18 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and the features recited therein have been incorporated into independent claim 17. It is respectfully submitted that claim 17, and claims 19-25 dependent therefrom, are allowable.

Claims 7-9 and 12-15 are deemed allowable at least due to their dependency on independent claim 1. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection of these claims is also respectfully requested.

Also in the Action, the Examiner asserts that claims 10, 11, 16, and 26 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections thereof under 35 U.S.C. 112(2) and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

It is respectfully submitted that the base claims from which claims 10, 11, 16, and 26 respectively depend are in condition for allowance, and, thus, claims 10, 11, 16, and 26 are in condition for allowance..

Therefore, withdrawal of the objection of these claims is also respectfully requested.

VI. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of


allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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